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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Inspection of the Office of Security
by the Inspector General

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for action by the ~~Acting~~ Director of Central Intelligence. Such action is indicated in paragraph 5.

2. In his report of his recent inspection of the Office of Security, the Inspector General recommended that the Deputy Director (Support) designate the Director of Security, the Chief, Medical Staff, and the Director of Personnel, jointly and in collaboration with other appropriate elements of the Agency, to develop a research program to provide a better basis for estimating pre-employment security risks.

3. This matter has been studied and discussed among the offices. It has been studied at length by the Director of Security who has reported to me that, to his knowledge, there are and have been no such research programs elsewhere in the Government. It would be necessary, therefore, for the Agency to undertake such a formal program on its own utilizing Agency personnel whenever and wherever access to Agency security files was involved. Merely to study such a program and to arrive at an initial conclusion as to whether further work on such a program would be necessary would require full time services of at least one senior professional security officer for one year. At the conclusion of that phase, it is estimated that from two to four man years would be required to analyze all of the data available and to place it in a form on which basic studies could be made.

4. While a formal research program is feasible, I believe that we should not undertake it at this time in view of the expense and the problematical nature of the results.

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5. I recommend, therefore, that you concur in my non-acceptance of the recommendation of the Inspector General that we undertake a formal research program. Instead, I will undertake to:

- a. Insure that the Medical Staff research program will be supported by other offices and that the Security Office will contribute to, draw upon, and learn from that program.
- b. Improve further the coordination among the Offices of Security, Personnel, and Training and the Medical Staff, and to utilize even more the existing mechanisms for feed-backs on problem cases and the lessons that can be learned from them.
- c. Instruct the Director of Security to intensify the less formal research programs and projects and studies underway in the Office of Security.

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L. K. White
Deputy Director
(Support)

8 NOV 1961

The recommendations in paragraph 5 above are approved.

Date

/s/ C. P. Cabell

acting
Director of Central Intelligence

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